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 PATENT NO.: 4,683,136
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APPL. NO.: 6-708,746

FILED: March 06, 1985 (19850306)

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03072903

Utility

ACTIVATED DENDRITIC CELLS AND METHODS FOR THEIR ACTIVATION

PATENT NO.: 6,017,527

ISSUED: January 25, 2000 (20000125)

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WA (Washington), US (United States of America)

[Assignee Code(s): 9809]

APPL. NO.: 8-763,995

FILED: December 12, 1996 (19961212)

This is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08-677,762, filed Jul. 10, 1996, now abandoned.

FULL TEXT: 1078 lines

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03068024

Utility

DNA ENCODING TUMOR NECROSIS RELATED RECEPTOR TR7

PATENT NO.: 6,013,476

ISSUED: January 11, 2000 (20000111)

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APPL. NO.: 8-959,382

FILED: October 28, 1997 (19971028)

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60-041,796, filed Apr. 2, 1997.

FULL TEXT: 1249 lines

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03058244

Utility

ANTIGEN-CARRYING MICROPARTICLES AND THEIR USE IN THE INDUCTION OF HUMORAL OR CELLULAR RESPONSES

PATENT NO.: 6,004,763

ISSUED: December 21, 1999 (19991221)

INVENTOR(s): Gengoux, Christine, Argenteuil, FR (France)

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APPL. NO.: 9-76,646

FILED: May 12, 1998 (19980512)

PRIORITY: 92-10879, FR (France), September 11, 1992 (19920911)

This application is a continuation-in-part of Ser. No. 08-397,286, filed Apr. 28, 1995 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,871,747.

FULL TEXT: 1210 lines

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03042652

Utility

HETEROCYCLO-SUBSTITUTED IMIDAZOPYRAZINE PROTEIN TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS

PATENT NO.: 5,990,109

ISSUED: November 23, 1999 (19991123)

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[Assignee Code(s): 22921]

APPL. NO.: 9-262,525

FILED: March 04, 1999 (19990304)

This application claims priority from provisional U.S. application Ser. No. 60-076,789, filed Mar. 4, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

FULL TEXT: 2920 lines

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03033571

Utility

DNA ENCODING CD40 LIGAND, A CYTOKINE THAT BINDS CD40

PATENT NO.: 5,981,724

ISSUED: November 09, 1999 (19991109)

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[Assignee Code(s): 9809]

APPL. NO.: 8-477,733

FILED: June 07, 1995 (19950607)

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08-249,189, filed May 24, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-969,703, filed Oct. 23, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-805,723, filed on Dec. 5, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-783,707, filed on Oct. 25, 1991, now abandoned.

FULL TEXT: 3829 lines

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03028136

Utility

IMMUNOSTIMULATORY COMPOSITIONS

PATENT NO.: 5,976,546

ISSUED: November 02, 1999 (19991102)

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[Assignee Code(s): 46465]

APPL. NO.: 9-146,283

FILED: September 03, 1998 (19980903)

The application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08-579,823 filed Dec. 28, 1995, now pending.

FULL TEXT: 1293 lines

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03022493

Utility

ABSORPTION-ENHANCED DIFFERENTIAL EXTRACTION DEVICE

PATENT NO.: 5,971,158

ISSUED: October 26, 1999 (19991026)

INVENTOR(s): Yager, Paul, Seattle, WA (Washington), US (United States of

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APPL. NO.: 8-876,038

FILED: June 13, 1997 (19970613)

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a utility patent application taking priority from provisional patent application Ser. No. 60-019,904 filed Jun. 14, 1996, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

This invention was made with government support under Army research contract DAMD17-94-4460 awarded by the U.S. Army. The government has certain rights in the invention.

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03012748

Utility

RECOMBINANT SOLUBLE CD40 LIGAND POLYPEPTIDE AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

PATENT NO.: 5,962,406

ISSUED: October 05, 1999 (19991005)

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Morris, Arvia E., Seattle, WA (Washington), US (United States

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[Assignee Code(s): 9809]

APPL. NO.: 8-484,624

FILED: June 07, 1995 (19950607)

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08-249,189, filed May 24, 1994, pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-969,703, filed Oct. 23, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-805,723, filed on Dec. 5, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-783,707, filed on Oct. 25, 1991, now abandoned.

FULL TEXT: 3795 lines

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03012318

Utility

MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO CD40 LIGAND, PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE SAME AND HYBRIDOMAS PRODUCING THE SAME

PATENT NO.: 5,961,974

ISSUED: October 05, 1999 (19991005)

INVENTOR(s): Armitage, Richard J., Bainbridge Island, WA (Washington), US

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[Assignee Code(s): 9809]

APPL. NO.: 8-249,189

FILED: May 24, 1994 (19940524)

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-969,703, filed Oct. 23, 1992, now abandoned which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-805,723, filed on Dec. 5, 1991, now abandoned which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-783,707, filed on Oct. 25, 1991 now abandoned.

FULL TEXT: 3343 lines

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02994342

Utility

FUSION PROTEINS COMPRISING GP39 AND CD8

PATENT NO.: 5,945,513

ISSUED: August 31, 1999 (19990831)

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Seattle, WA (Washington), US (United States of America)

APPL. NO.: 8-690,096

FILED: July 30, 1996 (19960730)

This is a division of application Ser. No. 07-940,605, filed Sep. 4, 1992 now issued as U.S. Pat. No. 5,540,926 on Jul. 30, 1996.

FULL TEXT: 1395 lines

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02990817

Utility

METHOD FOR PROLONGED SUPPRESSION OF HUMORAL IMMUNE RESPONSE TO A THYMUS-DEPENDENT ANTIGEN THERAPEUTIC AGENT

PATENT NO.: 5,942,229

ISSUED: August 24, 1999 (19990824)

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APPL. NO.: 8-475,873

FILED: June 07, 1995 (19950607)

This application is a continuation application of Ser. No. 08-115,990 filed on Sep. 2, 1993, now abandoned. The contents of the aforementioned application is hereby incorporated by reference.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

The work leading to this invention may have been supported by one or more grants from the U.S. government. The U.S. government therefore may have certain rights in this invention.

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02980444

Utility

IN VITRO ASSAY SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOSITIONS USEFUL FOR STIMULATING B CELLS

PATENT NO.: 5,932,427

ISSUED: August 03, 1999 (19990803)

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APPL. NO.: 8-468,475

FILED: June 06, 1995 (19950606)

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This is a continuation of prior application Ser. No. 08-315,492, filed Sep. 30, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08-150,510, filed Nov. 10, 1993, herein incorporated by reference.

GOVERNMENT INTEREST

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02963695

Utility

METHODS FOR INHIBITING AN IMMUNE RESPONSE BY BLOCKING THE GP39/CD40 AND CTLA4/CD28/B7 PATHWAYS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREWITH

PATENT NO.: 5,916,560

ISSUED: June 29, 1999 (19990629)

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APPL. NO.: 8-821,400

FILED: March 20, 1997 (19970320)

This application is based on United States provisional patent application Ser. No. 60-013,751 filed on Mar. 20, 1996.

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02947700

Utility

METHODS OF INDUCING T CELL UNRESPONSIVENESS TO DONOR TISSUE OR ORGAN IN A RECIPIENT WITH GP39 ANTAGONISTS

PATENT NO.: 5,902,585

ISSUED: May 11, 1999 (19990511)

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[Assignee Code(s): 5682; 22237]

8-906,332 APPL. NO.:

August 05, 1997 (19970805) FILED:

This application is a divisional of application Ser. No. 08-234,987, filed Apr. 25, 1994, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,683,693.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

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02944890

Utility

VACCINE DELIVERY SYSTEM

PATENT NO.: 5,900,238

May 04, 1999 (19990504) ISSUED:

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APPL. NO.: 8-508,229

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02934624

Utility

MEMBRANE-BOUND CYTOKINE COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING GM=CSF AND METHODS OF MODULATING AN IMMUNE RESPONSE USING SAME

PATENT NO.: 5,891,432

ISSUED: April 06, 1999 (19990406)

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APPL. NO.: 8-902,516

FILED: July 29, 1997 (19970729)

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02928363

Utility

DNA ENCODING TUMOR NECROSIS RELATED RECEPTOR, TR4

PATENT NO.: 5,885,800

ISSUED: March 23, 1999 (19990323)

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02918854

Utility

MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES SPECIFIC FOR DIFFERENT EPITOPES OF HUMAN GP39 AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE IN DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY

PATENT NO.: 5,876,950

ISSUED: March 02, 1999 (19990302)

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02918627

Utility

METHODS OF INDUCING T CELL NON-RESPONSIVENESS TO TRANSPLANTED TISSUES AND OF TREATING GRAFT-VERSUS-HOST-DISEASE WITH ANTI-GP39 ANTIBODIES

PATENT NO.: 5,876,718

ISSUED: March 02, 1999 (19990302)

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

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02915905

Utility

HUMAN 4-1BB RECEPTOR SPLICING VARIANT

[Polypeptides, polynucleotides for gene expression and medical diagnosis]

PATENT NO.: 5,874,240

ISSUED: February 23, 1999 (19990223)

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02915751

Utility

VACCINE FOR ENHANCED PRODUCTION OF IGA ANTIBODIES

[A drug comprising at least one cytokine stimulants and a B cell activator selected from a cell surface protein and bacterial lipopolysaccharide]

PATENT NO.: 5,874,085

ISSUED: February 23, 1999 (19990223)

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APPL. NO.: 8-400,322

FILED: March 08, 1995 (19950308)

This application is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08-315,492, filed Sep. 30, 1994, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 08-150,510, filed Nov. 10, 1993, pending. Applicants specifically incorporate the prior applications by reference.

GOVERNMENT INTEREST

The invention described herein may be manufactured, licensed, and used for United States governmental purposes without the payment of any royalties to the inventors or assignee.

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02910163

Utility

METHODS OF INDUCING T CELL UNRESPONSIVENESS TO BONE MARROW WITH GP39 ANTAGONISTS

[Allogeneic or xenogeneic bone marrow]

PATENT NO.: 5,869,049

ISSUED: February 09, 1999 (19990209)

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APPL. NO.: 8-232,929

FILED: April 25, 1994 (19940425)

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 08-116,255, filed Sep. 2, 1993 (now abandoned), the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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02899098

Utility

MICE WITH TARGETED TYROSINE KINASE, LYN, DISRUPTION

[Disruption in both alleles of a gene encoding the protein]

PATENT NO.: 5,859,314

ISSUED: January 12, 1999 (19990112)

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02870957

Utility

TREATMENT OF T CELL MEDIATED AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS

[Administering an antagonist to a receptor on the surface of the T cells]

PATENT NO.: 5,833,987

ISSUED: November 10, 1998 (19981110)

INVENTOR(s): Noelle, Randolph J., Cornish, NH (New Hampshire), US (United

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02846718

Utility

HUMAN CARTILEGE GP39-LIKE GENE

PATENT NO.: 5,811,535

ISSUED: September 22, 1998 (19980922)

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02788393

Utility

RECOMBINANT ANTIBODIES FOR HUMAN THERAPY

PATENT NO.: 5,756,096

ISSUED: May 26, 1998 (19980526)

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[Assignee Code(s): 40498]

APPL. NO.: 8-476,237

June 07, 1995 (19950607) FILED:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08-379,072, filed Jan. 25, 1995 (U.S. Pat. No. 5,658,570), which is a continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 07-912,292 (abandoned), filed Jul. 10, 1992, which is a continuation-in-part of Newman et al., U.S. patent application Ser. No. 1992 (abandoned), which 23, 07-856,281, filed Mar. continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 07-735,064, filed Jul. 25, 1991 (abandoned), the whole of which, including drawings, are hereby incorporated by reference. This invention relates to recombinant antibodies useful for human therapy, and to methods for production of such antibodies.

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02778837

Utility

ANTI-GP39 ANTIBODIES

[Monoclonal antibodies bound to epitopes secreted by hybridomas]

5,747,037 PATENT NO.:

May 05, 1998 (19980505) ISSUED:

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RELATED APPLICATIONS

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02724853

Utility

PRODUCT AND PROCESS FOR TARGETING AN IMMUNE RESPONSE [Immunoglobulin fusion protein]

PATENT NO.: 5,698,679

ISSUED: December 16, 1997 (19971216)

INVENTOR(s): Nemazee, David A., Denver, CO (Colorado), US (United States of

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02708144

Utility

METHOD FOR INDUCING T CELL UNRESPONSIVENESS TO A TISSUE OR ORGAN GRAFT WITH ANTI-CD40 LIGAND ANTIBODY OR SOLUBLE CD40

PATENT NO.: 5,683,693

ISSUED: November 04, 1997 (19971104)

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FILED: April 25, 1994 (19940425)

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02697852

Utility

METHOD OF PREVENTING OR TREATING DISEASE CHARACTERIZED BY NEOPLASTIC CELLS EXPRESSING CD40

[Administering a specific antigen binding protein in a suitable buffer]

PATENT NO.: 5,674,492

ISSUED: October 07, 1997 (19971007)

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[Assignee Code(s): 6814; 9809]

APPL. NO.: 8-360,923

FILED: December 21, 1994 (19941221)

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08-172,664, filed Dec. 23, 1993, now abandoned.

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02656220

Utility

EXPRESSION VECTORS ENCODING BISPECIFIC FUSION PROTEINS AND METHODS OF PRODUCING BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE BISPECIFIC FUSION PROTEINS IN A MAMMALIAN CELL

[Single-stranded DNA]

PATENT NO.: 5,637,481

ISSUED: June 10, 1997 (19970610)

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APPL. NO.: 8-121,054

FILED: September 13, 1993 (19930913)

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08-013,420, filed Feb. 1, 1993, now abandoned the contents of which is incorporated by reference into the present application.

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02579330

Utility

DETECTION OF MUTATIONS IN A CD40 LIGAND GENE

[Isolating nucleic acid, amplifying nucleic acid derived from CD40 ligand gene, determining nucleotide sequence, comparing to standard, determining if protein is expressed which binds CD40]

PATENT NO.: 5,565,321

ISSUED: October 15, 1996 (19961015)

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WA (Washington), US (United States of America)

[Assignee Code(s): 9809]

APPL. NO.: 8-184,422

FILED: January 21, 1994 (19940121)

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent application Ser. No. 08-009,258, filed Jan. 22, 1993 now abandoned.

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02552628

Utility

SOLUBLE AND ITS USE IN B CELL STIMULATION [Gp39 protein]

PATENT NO.: 5,540,926

ISSUED: July 30, 1996 (19960730)

INVENTOR(s): Aruffo, Alejandro, Edmonds, WA (Washington), US (United States

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- ... T cell proliferating portion of the pre-S(2) polypeptide may be chemically coupled or linked to another, primary immunogen to form a conjugate. The resulting conjugate may then be incorporated into a vaccine or other inoculum as an active immunogen . In addition to the already described pre-S(2) region-containing inducer of T cell...
- ... kD polypeptide that may be used herein. That material was reported produced by cleavage of GP39 and GP42; and GP33 and GP36 polypeptides, respectively, from HBV-infected serum using the Staphylococcus...In one embodiment, the 55 residue polypeptide is used as a carrier for the primary immunogen such as a polypeptide corresponding to positions 110-137 from the amino-terminus of the...
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- ... subsequently administered to the individual to provide a stronger and improved immune response to the **antigen**.

The activated **antigen**-presenting dendritic cells can also be used as a **vaccine** adjuvant and can be administered prior to, concurrently with or subsequent to **antigen** administration. Moreover, the dendritic cells can be administered to the individual prior to, concurrently ... cytokines that modulate an immune response, for example a CD40 binding protein (i.e., soluble **CD40L**), or a soluble CD83 molecule. Additional useful cytokines include, but are not limited to, Interleukins...

- ... such as GM-CSF, granulocyte colony stimulating factor (G-CSF), or GM-CSF/IL-3 **fusion** proteins, or other cytokines such as TNF- alpha or c-kit ligand. Moreover, biologically active...
- ... and IL-3) will also be useful in ex vivo culture of dendritic cells. Such **fusion** proteins are known and are described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,199,942, 5...
- ... 910 and 5,073,627, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. A preferred **fusion** protein is PIXY321 as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,199,942.

In addition cytokine or cytokines with activated, antigen-pulsed dendritic cells. Preferred cytokines are those that modulate an immune response, particularly cytokines selected...

... 7, 10, 12 and 15; granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor, granulocyte colony stimulating factor; a **fusion** protein comprising Interleukin-3 and granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor; Interferon- gamma; TNF; TGF- beta; flt-3 ligand; soluble **CD40** ligand; biologically active derivatives of these cytokines; and combinations thereof. Soluble CD83, described in U.S... site (or CD40 binding domain; variable region) of a CD40 mAb is isolated, amplified, and linked to DNA encoding another protein, for example a human IgG (see Verhoeyen et al., supra; see also Reichmann et al., supra). Alternatively, the antigen-binding site (variable region) may be either linked

to, or inserted into, another completely different protein (see Chaudhary et al., supra), resulting in a new protein with **antigen**-binding sites of the antibody as well as the functional activity of the completely different protein.

Similarly, the CD40 binding region (extracellular domain) of a CD40 ligand may be used to prepare other CD40 binding proteins. Useful forms of CD40 ligand are disclosed in U.S. Ser. No. 08/477,733 and U.S. Ser. No. 08/484,624, both of which were filed on Jun. 7, 1995. Additional forms of CD40 ligand can be prepared by methods known in the art. As for other useful CD40 binding proteins, CD40 ligand will bind CD40 in or near the ligand binding domain, and will be capable of oligomers will be particularly useful in preparation of CD40 binding proteins comprising an antigen binding domain of CD40 antibody, or an extracellular domain of a CD40 ligand. Certain of such oligomer-forming proteins are disclosed in U.S. Ser. No. 08/477...

...also disclosed in U.S. Ser. No. 08/446,922, filed May 18, 1995. Fc fusion proteins (including those that are formed with Fc muteins have decreased affinity for Fc receptors... in stimulating a certain type of immune response, administration of other cytokines along with activated, antigen -pulsed dendritic cells is also contemplated. Several useful cytokines (or peptide regulatory factors) are discussed...

... 7, 10, 12 and 15; granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor, granulocyte colony stimulating factor; a **fusion** protein comprising Interleukin-3 and granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor; Interferon- gamma, TNF, TGF- beta, flt-3 ligand and biologically active derivatives thereof. A particularly preferred cytokine is **CD40** ligand (CD40L). A soluble form of CD40L is described in U.S. Ser. No. 08/484...

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... which abolish the expression of these proteins. For example, naturally occurring mutations in the FAS **antigen** and its ligand cause lymphoproliferative disease (Watanabe-Fukunaga, R., et al., Nature 356:314 (1992)), perhaps reflecting a failure of programmed cell death. Mutations of the **CD40 ligand** cause an X-linked immunodeficiency state characterized by high levels of immunoglubulin M and low levels of immunoglubulin G...

1/K/4 (Item 3 from file: 654)
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... not develop any anti-PreS antibody response after repeated immunization with the PreS-TB peptide linked to beads.

Thus, these results clearly demonstrate that the stimulation of antibody synthesis by peptide **linked** to beads requires the activation of MHC class II-restricted helper T cells.

2.4 Mediation of the cooperation between B and T cells activated by particulate ${\tt antigen}$ through physical contact via the CD40/CD40L interaction.

To analyse the mechanisms by which these particulate **antigens** stimulate B cells, an in vitro antibody production assay using the PreS peptide mode has...

... mice were stimulated in vitro with the different PreS peptides, in either soluble form or **linked** to the ...splenocytes were unable to produce anti-PreS antibodies in response to the PreS:B peptide **linked**

to beads in the presence of the PreS:T peptide in either particulate form (FIG... ... soluble form.

To further analyze the mechanisms regulating the induction of antibodies by these peptides linked to 1 mu m beads, the cell cultures were stimulated with these various immunogens in the presence of an anti-CD40 monoclonal antibody which was shown to inhibit the binding of soluble CD40 ligand (CD40L) to soluble CD40 and to cell-surface CD40 molecule. The addition of this anti-CD40...

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... and references cited therein: Hollenbaugh, D., Douthwright, J., McDonald, V., and Aruffo, A., "Cleavable CD40Ig **fusion** proteins and the binding to sgp39", J. Immunol. Methods (Netherlands), 188(1), p. 1-7...

... Noelle, R. J., Stamenkovic, I., Ledbetter, J. A., and Aruffo, A., "The human T cell antigen gp39, a member of the TNF gene family, is a ligand for the CD40 receptor: expression of a soluble form of gp39 with ...al., "Treatment of rheumatoid arthritis with a recombinant human tumor necrosis factor receptor (P75)-Fc fusion protein, New England J. of Medicine, 337(3), p. 141-147(1997).

The above other...

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... containing approximately 2000 individual clones was identified as potentially positive for binding the CD40/Fc **fusion** protein. The pool was titered and plated to provide plates containing approximately 200 colonies each...

 \dots by the presence of an expressed gene product capable of binding to the CD40/Fc **fusion** protein.

The positive smaller pool was titered and plated to obtain individual colonies. Approximately 400

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... are expressed on a dendritic cell. Examples include GM-CSF, IL-1, TNF, IL-4, CD40L, CTLA4, CD28, and FLT-3 ligand.

- II. Immunostimulatory Polypeptide Complexes
 - A. Selection of Components of the Polypeptide Complex

An **immunogenic** polypeptide formed in accordance with the present invention is generally characterized as an isolated polypeptide **antigen** which is covalently **linked** to a dendritic cell-binding protein.

1. Polypeptide Antigens

As stated above, isolated polypeptide **antigens** do not generally stimulate activation of T-cells in vivo or in vitro. It is the discovery of the present invention that certain types of polypeptide **antigens**, when coupled to a dendritic cell-binding proteins, such as those discussed in Section 1...

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... NO:9 and SEO ID NO:10 with human cDNA as a template.

Receptor/Fc **fusion** molecules preferably are synthesized in recombinant mammalian cell culture because they are generally too large...

... synthesized by prokaryotic expression methods. Examples of suitable mammalian cells for expressing a receptor/Fc **fusion** protein include CV-1 ... transfection of the CV-1 cell line with a gene encoding Epstein-Barr virus nuclear **antigen** -I (EBNA-1) and constitutively express EBNA-1 driven from human CMV immediate-early enhancer...containing approximately 2000 individual clones was identified as potentially positive for binding the CD40/Fc **fusion** protein. The pool was titered and plated to ... by the presence of an expressed gene product capable of binding to the CD40/Fc **fusion** protein.

The positive smaller pool was titered and plated to obtain individual colonies. Approximately 400...

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... region, which was used to ligate CD40 extracellular domain to construct a s CD40/Fc **fusion** cDNA, which was ligated into pDC406 to construct pDC406/CD40/Fc. Other suitable Fc regions...

 \dots NO:9 and SEQ ID NO:10 with human cDNA as a template.

Receptor/Fc fusion molecules preferably are synthesized in recombinant mammalian cell culture because they are generally too large...

... synthesized by prokaryotic expression methods. Examples of suitable mammalian cells for expressing a receptor/Fc fusion protein include CV-1 cells (ATCC CCL 70) and COS-7 cells (ATCC CRL 1651...containing approximately 2000 individual clones was identified as potentially positive for binding the CD40/Fc fusion protein. The pool was titered and plated to provide plates containing approximately 200 colonies each...by the presence of an expressed gene product capable of binding to the CD40/Fc fusion protein.

The positive smaller pool was titered and plated to obtain individual colonies. Approximately 400...

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to **fusion** proteins having **gp39** protein sequences, which **fusion** proteins bind to the B cell **antigen**, CD40. More specifically, the invention relates to **fusion** proteins having **gp39** protein sequences attached to a polypeptide having an amino terminal secretory signal sequence to allow export of the **fusion** protein out of the recombinant host cell in which it is produced. The **fusion** proteins of this invention may be useful for promoting B cell proliferation.
... Ser. No. 708,075, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein, the soluble **gp39** proteins of the invention have a number of uses, including in vitro and in vivo...

...vitro embodiment, soluble gp39 may be used to identify or separate cells which express CD40 antigen and/or to assay body fluids for the presence of the CD40 antigen which may or may not be shed. For example, the binding of soluble gp39 to CD40 antigen may be detected by directly or indirectly labeling the soluble gp39, for example, by incorporating radiolabel or chromogen into the soluble gp39 protein (direct labeling) or via anti-gp39 antibody (indirect labeling). In this manner, soluble gp39 may be used diagnostically in vitro to identify CD40 antigen as expressed in tumors, malignant cells, body fluids, etc.

In related embodiments, directly or indirectly labeled soluble **gp39** may be used in vivo to image cells or tumors which express the CD40 antigen.

In various other in vivo embodiments, soluble **gp39** may be used to increase an immune response, for example, by acting, effectively, as a type of "adjuvant" to increase an immune response to a **vaccine**. Alternatively, soluble **gp39** may be used to increase the immune response of an immunosuppressed individual, such as a...

...malignancy, or an infant or elderly person.

In still further embodiments of the invention, soluble gp39 may be chemically modified so that cells that it binds to are killed. Since all...

... result in suppression of the immune response. For example, a cytotoxic drug linked to soluble **gp39** may be used in vivo to cause immunosuppression in order to cross histocompatibility barriers in...

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... The current invention pertains to methods for inhibiting a humoral immune response to a TD **antigen** in vivo by inhibiting the ability of a Th cell to stimulate a B cell... humanized antibodies and antibody fragments are also within the scope of the invention. Alternatively, the **gp39** antagonist can be a soluble form of the **gp39** ligand CD40. Soluble fusion proteins of CD40 are also encompassed by the invention.

The humoral...

... can be a primary humoral immune response, in the case of initial exposure to an **antigen**, or a secondary humoral immune response, in the case of reexposure to a previously encountered **antigen**. For example, the methods described herein can be used to inhibit production of **antigen** -specific IgM antibodies, IgG antibodies, IgD antibodies and/or IgE antibodies. In addition, the methods...

...vivo.

One aspect of the invention provides methods for inhibiting humoral immune responses to TD antigens. Antigens embraced by the invention include antigens for which specific antibody production requires interaction of gp39 with a ligand on the surface of B cells (e.g., CD40). TD antigens generally include proteinaceous antigens. In preferred embodiments of the invention, the antigen is a therapeutic antibody, drug, allergen or foreign cell. The methods of the present invention also are effective for inhibiting humoral immune responses to a TD antigen while preserving humoral immune responses to thymus-independent type II (hereafter TI-2) antigens.

Another aspect of the invention pertains to methods for specifically inhibiting the helper function of activated Th cells in vivo by interfering with the interaction of ${\bf gp39}$ with a ligand on the surface of B cells (e.g., CD40) by administering a ${\bf gp39}$ antagonist. According to this method, helper function of activated Th cells is inhibited in vivo... ... dependent (TD) antigens requires not only B lymphocytes, which can produce specific antibodies against an ${\bf antigen}$, but also contributions from Th cells which are necessary for activation of B lymphocytes. Although... Fab or F(ab)'2 fragments, chimeric antibodies or

humanized antibodies), soluble forms of a $\tt gp39$ ligand (e.g., soluble CD40), soluble forms of a fusion protein of a $\tt gp39$ ligand (e.g., soluble CD40Ig), or pharmaceutical agents which disrupt the $\tt gp39$ -CD40 interaction.

A. Antibodies

A mammal, (e.g., a mouse, hamster, or rabbit) can be immunized with an immunogenic form of gp39 protein or protein fragment (e.g., peptide fragment) which elicits an antibody response in the mammal. A cell which expresses gp39 on its surface can also be used as the immunogen. Alternative immunogens include purified gp39 protein or protein fragments. gp39 can be purified from a gp39 expressing cell by standard purification techniques; gp39 cDNA (Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp. Med... be expressed in a host cell, e.g. bacteria or a mammalian cell line, and gp39 protein purified. gp39 peptides can be synthesized based upon the amino acid sequence of gp39 (Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp. Med., 175...

... al., EMBO J., 11:4313-4319 (1992)). Techniques for conferring immunogenicity on a protein include conjugation to carriers or other techniques well known in the art. For example, the protein can...to the hinge, CH2 and CH3 regions of C gamma 1 to form a CD40Ig fusion protein (see e.g., Linsley et al. (1991) J. Exp. Med. 1783:721-730; Capon ... suppressing humoral immunity against antigens which require contact-dependent helper functions delivered by Th cells. Antigens classically described as thymus-dependent (TD) antigens are encompassed by the invention. The necessity for contact-dependent "help" from Th cells can...

...cells and CD40 on B cells. As defined by the current invention, the term "TD antigen" is intended to encompass antigens which require a gp39 -CD40 interaction between T cells and B cells for induction of a humoral immune response against the antigen. In general, protein antigens are TD antigens. Another form of TD antigen encompassed by the invention is a molecule, referred to as a hapten, linked to a

 \dots T cell help in order to induce humoral immune responses against the hapten.

The TD antigen of the invention can be administered in soluble form to a subject, e.g., injection of a soluble protein, or the TD antigen can be on the surface of a cell, e.g., a cell-surface protein. The TD antigen can be administered to a subject with a gp39 antagonist or a subject may be exposed to a TD antigen environmentally, for example an allergen. In preferred embodiments, the TD antigen is an agent administered to a subject for therapeutic purposes. This agent can be, for example, a therapeutic antibody or other form of therapeutic drug which is a TD antigen. Inhibiting a humoral immune response against, for instance, a therapeutic antibody, can prolong its efficacy...when immune suppression was evident, it is possible that the local tissue concentrations of anti-gp39 in specific sites of secondary lymphoid organs is higher and clearance rates are slower than...

... the terminal arterioles (TA) of the spleen. It is at these sites that conjugates between <code>gp39-expressing</code> T sub h and <code>antigen-specific</code> B cells were found juxtaposed, suggesting that the outer PALS is a major site...

 \dots during primary humoral immune responses. Therefore, the PALS may be the site at which anti-gp39 interacts with gp39- expressing T sub h cells to ultimately inhibit T-B interaction and subsequent Ig production...

... to KLH in CFA was also shown to be inhibited by the administration of

anti-gp39. Consistent with the reduction of anti-SRBC PFC by anti-gp39, reductions in serum antibodies titers to antigenic challenge were also observed. The serum titers of all anti-KLH Ig isotypes measured (IgM...

...2b, IgG sub 3, and IgE) were reduced by the treatment of mice with antigp39. The effect of anti-gp39 administration was apparent for at least 14d after secondary challenge with antigen, establishing a persistent immune suppression by anti-gp39. Anti-gp39-mediated immune suppression of secondary responses to KLH is not unique to KLH, since secondary immune responses to heterologous Ig and heterologous erythrocytes were also inhibited by anti-gp39 therapy. The anatomical distribution of gp39 -expressing T sub h was identical to that observed upon primary immunization, however, the frequency of gp39 -expressing Th in immune spleen was increased over that observed during primary immune responses. No gp39-expressing T sub h were ...method for inducing prolonged inhibition of a humoral immune response to a thymus dependent (TD) antigen in vivo, comprising administering a therapeutic agent which is a thymus dependent (TD) antigen to a subject in need of such treatment, wherein said humoral immune response is a...

... prior, subsequent, or concurrent to the administration of said therapeutic agent an amount of a gp39 (CD40 ligand) antagonist selected from the group consisting of anti-gp39 antibodies, fragments of said antibodies which specifically bind gp39, soluble CD40 and soluble CD40 fusion proteins which is sufficient to provide for prolonged inhibition of a humoral immune response to...

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... cells must first be activated. There are many ways to activate B cells, including cross-linkage of membrane Ig molecules by the antigen (cross-linkage-dependent B cell activation), direct encounter with T cells (helper T cells or helper T cell-associated molecules, such as, for example, CD40 ligand), or encounter with mitogens. In such encounters, the antigen presents epitopes recognized by the B cell's cell-surface Ig.

Because each B cell bears multiple membrane Ig molecules with identical variable regions, optimal membrane-Ig mediated cross-linkage activation is achieved by a high level of cross-linkage of the cell-surface receptors, which requires that the antigen present more than one copy of the epitope that the cell-surface Ig recognizes. Although many simple protein antigens do not have this potential, such a requirement is fulfilled by polysaccharides and other antigens linkage of membrane Ig can also lead to elimination or inactivation of B cells. In general...

... that retain. GM-CSF or IL-3 activity, or a combination thereof, can be independently **conjugated** to the multivalent carrier. Alternatively, GM-CSF and IL-3 can be fused together or...

...prolonged delivery of the cytokine. The complexes can be administered as a mixture with the **antigen** of a **vaccine**, or the complexes can be bound to the **antigen** of a **vaccine**.

In still another embodiment, the **vaccine** adjuvant can comprise **CD40L**, one or more cytokines other than GM-CSF, IL-3, or IFN- gamma, or a combination thereof. **CD40L** and the one or more cytokines can also be bound to the multivalent carrier.

Compositions used in a conjugate vaccine

To form a conjugate vaccine, the antigen of the vaccine and the compositions of the invention can be covalently conjugated to a multivalent carrier molecule...

... a capsular polysaccharide of a bacteria. Pneumococci, streptococci, and meningococci capsular polysaccharides are preferred.

The antigen is a peptide or protein specific for the disease to be vaccinated against.

To further optimize the humoral immune response upon administration of the vaccine, CD40 or at least one other cytokine, or a combination thereof, can be **conjugated** to the multivalent carrier.

Table III shows exemplary vaccines employing the compositions of the invention. As noted in the Table, several of the vaccines are conjugate vaccines. Methods of conjugation are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art, and include the heteroligation... multivalent

carrier, i.e.:
 antigen
 vertical line
 cytokine
 vertical line
 multivalent carrier

- 5. cytokine-antigen (fusion protein)
- cytokine-antigen (fusion protein) bound to a multivalent carrier
- 7. peptide-cytokine (fusion protein) + antigen
- 8. peptide-cytokine (fusion protein) + antigen, with the fusion protein, antigen, or both bound to a multivalent carrier
- 9. cytokine-multivalent carrier, i...

...line

multivalent multivalent carrier carrier

- 10. antibody complex (i.e., IL-3 + anti-IL-3) + antigen
- 11. antibody complex (i.e., IL-3 + anti-IL-3) + antigen + multivalent carrier (the cytokine, antigen, or both can be conjugated to the carrier)
- 12. anti-cytokine antibody; this is a neutralizing vaccine
- 13. anti-cytokine antibody + multivalent carrier; this is a
 neutralizing vaccine
- 14. Vaccine examples 1 through 13 can be further modified by the addition of CD40L, either admixed or bound to the multivalent carrier
- 15. Vaccine examples 1 through 14 can be further modified by the addition of one or more...

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...J. Immunol. 139:3260 (1987)).

In another embodiment, the ligand may be a CD28Ig/CTLA4Ig **fusion** protein hybrid having a first amino acid sequence corresponding to a portion of the extracellular...

...C gamma 1.

In one embodiment of the invention, the second soluble ligand for the gp39 antigen may be a monoclonal antibody reactive with the gp39 antigen, e.g., the MR1 anti-murine monoclonal antibody or the anti-human gp39 antibody (U.S. Pat. No. 5,474,771, issued Dec. 12, 1995).

In another embodiment of the invention, the method comprises administering to the subject a soluble **fusion** protein, the soluble **fusion** protein comprising a first binding domain and a second binding domain.

In one example, the first binding domain is a ligand which recognizes and binds the <code>gp39</code> antigen. Examples include CD40 and monoclonal antibodies directed against <code>gp39</code>. In another example, the first binding domain is a ligand which recognizes and binds the CD40 antigen. Examples include <code>gp39</code> and monoclonal antibodies directed against CD40.

In one example, the second binding domain is a...

... another example, the second binding domain is a ligand which recognizes and binds the CD28 **antigen**. Examples include B7 and monoclonal antibodies directed against CD28. In another example, the second binding domain is a ligand which recognizes and binds the B7 **antigen**. Examples include CTLA4, CD28 and monoclonal antibodies directed against B7.

Soluble ligands may be administered... of (a) soluble ligands which recognize and bind any one of CTLA4, CD28, and B7 antigens, together with (b) soluble ligands which recognize and bind any one of gp39 and CD40 antigens and an acceptable carrier. In another embodiment, these compositions comprise an effective amount of a soluble fusion protein comprising a first binding domain and a second binding domain, wherein the first binding domain is a ligand which recognizes and binds any one of gp39 or CD40 antigens and the second binding domain is a ligand which recognizes and binds any one of CTLA4, CD28, and B7 antigens.

ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION: Despite the many advances in clinical immunosuppression, chronic vascular rejection remains...

... no effective therapy. The experiments described herein show that blocking the CD28/CTLA4/B7 and **gp39** /CD40 pathways inhibits the development of chronic transplant vasculopathy in transplanted tissues. These data show...

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... gp39 antagonist can be an antibody directed against gp39 (e.g., a monoclonal antibody against gp39), a fragment or derivative of an antibody directed against gp39 (e.g., Fab or F(ab)'2 fragments, chimeric antibodies or humanized antibodies), soluble forms of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40), soluble forms of a fusion protein of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40Ig), or pharmaceutical agents which disrupt or interfere with the gp39-CD40 interaction.

A. Antibodies

A mammal, (e.g., a mouse, hamster, or rabbit) can be immunized with an immunogenic form of gp39 protein or protein fragment (e.g., peptide fragment) which elicits an antibody response in the mammal. A cell which expresses gp39 on its surface can also be used as the immunogen. Alternative immunogens include purified gp39 protein or protein fragments. gp39 can be purified from a gp39 expressing cell by standard purification techniques. Additionally, gp39 cDNA (Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp. Med... be expressed in a host cell, e.g., bacteria or a mammalian cell line, and gp39 protein purified from cell cultures by standard techniques. Alternatively, gp39 peptides can be synthesized based upon the amino acid sequence of gp39 (disclosed in Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp...

- ... F-moc or T-boc chemical synthesis). Techniques for conferring immunogenicity on a protein include **conjugation** to carriers or other techniques well known in the art. For example, the protein can...and CH3 regions of an immunoglobulin heavy chain, e.g. Cyl, to form a CD40Ig **fusion** protein (see e.g., Linsley et al. (1991) J. Exp. Med. 1783:721-730; Capon...
- ...1989) Nature 337, 525-531; and Capon U.S. Pat. No. 5,116,964). The **fusion** protein can be produced by chemical synthesis, or, preferably by recombinant DNA techniques based on...
- ...CD40 (Stamenkovic et al., EMBO J., 8:1403-1410 (1989)).
- II. Cells for Induction of Antigen-Specific Tolerance

The current invention is based, at least in part, on the discovery that presentation of alloantigens to T cells by allogeneic cells in the presence of a gp39 antagonist results in T cell ...alloantigens. Cells which are capable of inducing tolerance by this mechanism include those which present antigen and activate T cells by interaction with gp39 (i.e. an interaction between gp39 on T cells and a gp39 ligand on the cell presenting antigen is necessary to deliver the appropriate signals for T cell activation to the T cell). Inhibition of the interaction of the ligand on the allogeneic or xenogeneic cell with gp39 on recipient T cells prevents T cell activation by allo- or xenoantigens and, rather, induces T cell tolerance to the antigens. Interference with activation of the T cell via gp39 may prevent the induction of costimulatory molecules on the allogeneic or xenogeneic cell, (e.g. B7 family molecules on a B cell), so that the cell delivers only an antigenic signal to the T cell in the absence of a costimulatory signal, thus inducing tolerance...

... is administered to a recipient subject. The allogeneic or xenogeneic cell is capable of presenting **antigen** to T cells of the recipient, and is, for example, a B lymphocyte, a "professional...In contrast, histological sections of islet allografts in the kidneys of recipients treated with anti-gp39 mAb alone showed characteristic intense mononuclear cell inflammation and attendant islet cell destruction. In all

...islet morphology was uniformly consistent with streptozotocin diabetes.

EXAMPLE 2

Production and Characterization of Anti-qp39 Antibodies

Experiment 1--Antibodies directed against human gp39

For induction of antigen-specific T cell tolerance in a human subject, it is preferable to administer an antibody directed against human gp39. The following methodology was used to produce mouse anti-human gp39 monoclonal antibodies. Balb/c mice were immunized with a soluble gp39 fusion protein, gp39 -CD8, in Complete Freund's Adjuvant (CFA). Mice were subsequently challenged 6 weeks later with soluble gp39-CD8 in Incomplete Freund's Adjuvant (IFA). Soluble gp39 -CD8 was given in soluble form 4 weeks after secondary immunization. Mice were then boosted...

... soluble gp39-CD8 after an additional 2 weeks. Splenocytes were fused with the NS-1 **fusion** partner on day 4 after final immunization as per standard protocols.

Clones producing anti-human...

... to become transplanted with an allogeneic or xenogeneic cell that expresses at least one donor antigen and also expresses gp39

ligand on a cell surface thereof, an amount of a gp39 antagonist sufficient to induce T-cell non-responsiveness to said donor tissue or organ, wherein said gp39 antagonist is selected from the group consisting of anti-gp39 antibodies and fragments thereof that specifically bind gp39, soluble CD40 and soluble CD40 fusion proteins.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the gp39 antagonist is an anti-gp39 antibody.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the anti-gp39 antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
- 4. The method of claim 2, wherein the anti-gp39...to become transplanted with an allogeneic or xenogeneic cell which expresses at least one donor antigen an effective amount of a gp39 antagonist selected from the group consisting of anti-gp39 antibodies and fragments thereof that specifically bind gp39, soluble CD40 and soluble CD40 fusion proteins, wherein the amount is effective to induce T-cell non-responsiveness to a transplanted donor tissue or organ.
- 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the gp39 antagonist is an antigp39 antibody.
- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the anti-gp39 antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
 - 16. The method of claim 14, wherein the anti-gp39...

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... incorporated into alginate beads in a manner similar to that described herein for encapsulation of **antigens**, either alone or in conjunction with the **antigen**(s).

Exemplary immunoregulatory molecules include granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), such as that described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,393,870; a fusion protein comprising GM-CSF and Interleukin-3 (IL-3), described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,073,627; CD40 ligand, described in U.S. Ser. No. 08/249,189, filed May 24, 1994; Interleukin-15...CD30 ligand, described in U.S. Ser. No. 98/399,415, filed Mar. 2, 1995. Fusion proteins comprising antigen and an immunoregulatory molecule will also be useful in the inventive compositions. For example, U.S. Ser. No. 08/271,875, filed Jul. 7, 1994, discloses fusion proteins of GM-CSF and antigens. Other cytokines may also be used to prepare such...

- ...antigen;
- (b) forming microbeads comprising the alginate and the antigen by micronizing the alginate and **antigen** solution
 - (c) curing the microbeads;
 - (d) stabilizing the cured microbeads by contacting the microbeads with...
- ... the group consisting of GM-CSF, a fusion protein comprising GM-CSF and IL-3, CD40 ligand, IL-15, IL-16, antagonists of the interaction of CD30 and CD30 ligand, and combinations thereof.
- 4. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the **antigen** is a fusion protein comprising **antigen** and an immunoregulatory molecule.
- 5. The composition according to claim 4, wherein the immunoregulatory molecule GM-CSF, a fusion protein comprising GM-CSF and IL-3, CD40 ligand, IL-15, IL-16, and antagonists of the interaction of CD30 and CD30 ligand.

- 6. The composition according to claim 1, further comprising an immunogenic amount of one or more additional antigens encapsulated in the alginate microbead.
- 7. The composition according to claim 6, wherein at least one of the **antigens** is a fusion protein comprising the **antigen** and an immunoregulatory molecule.
- 8. The composition according to claim 7, wherein the immunoregulatory molecule...
- ... the group consisting of GM-CSF, a fusion protein comprising GM-CSF and IL-3, ${\bf CD40}$ ligand, IL-15, IL-16, and antagonists of the interaction of CD30 and CD30 ligand.
- 9. A method of eliciting an immune response to an **antigen**, comprising preparing a composition according to claim 1, and administering the composition to a mucosal...
- ...immunoregulatory molecule encapsulated in the alginate microbead.
- 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the antigen is a fusion protein comprising the antigen and an immunoregulatory molecule.
- 12. The method of claim 9, wherein ... The method according to claim 12, wherein at least one of the antigens is a **fusion** protein comprising the antigen and an immunoregulatory molecule.
 - 14. The method of claim 9, wherein...

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... example, IL-4 in membrane-bound or soluble form in addition to a membrane-bound **fusion** protein that contains GM-CSF operatively fused to a heterologous membrane attachment domain. Such a cellular **vaccine** of the invention also can have GM-CSF in membrane-bound or soluble form in addition to a membrane-bound **fusion** protein that contains IL-4 operatively fused to a heterologous membrane attachment domain.

In addition, a **vaccine** of the invention can contain, if desired, a B7-1 (CD80) or B7-2 (CD86) costimulatory molecule or a CD40 or **CD40** ligand (Chen et al., Cell 71:1093-1102 (1992); Chen et al., J. Exp. Med. 179...

... J. Immunol. 154:2794-2800 (1995), each of which are incorporated herein by reference). A **vaccine** having a B7-1 or B7-2 costimulatory molecule in addition to a membrane-bound **fusion** protein including a non-antibody immunomodulatory molecule, such as GM-CSF, IL-2, IFN- gamma...

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... that abolish the expression of these proteins: For example, naturally occurring mutations in the FAS **antigen** and its ligand cause lymphoproliferative disease (Watanabe-Fukunaga, R., et al., Nature 356:314 (1992)), perhaps reflecting a failure of programmed cell death. Mutations of the **CD40 ligand** cause an X-linked immunodeficiency state characterized by high levels of immunoglubulin M and low levels of immunoglubulin G...

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... What is needed in the art are additional monoclonal antibodies reactive with different epitopes of gp39 which can be easily used to assay for mutant forms of gp39 and for other...are replaced by alanine; and further has a poor binding avidity to a mutant of gp39 compared to the binding avidity to wild-type gp39 when the mutant form of gp39 comprises glutamic acid 129, or lysine 143 replaced by alanine. The antibodies of this group also react with gp39 by Western blot. Specific examples of monoclonal antibodies having these characteristics include those secreted by...

...156 designated TCCHB 11817.

In a further embodiment of the present invention, the monoclonal antibody, antigen binding fragment or recombinant binding protein

thereof is characterized by binding to a mutant form of human gp39 with a somewhat reduced or similar binding avidity when compared to the binding avidity to wild-type gp39 when the mutant form of gp39 comprises glutamic acid 129, serine 131 and threonine 135, tyrosine 145, asparagine 180 or phenylalanine...

... 202 replaced by alanine, and further has a poor binding avidity to a mutant of gp39 comprising lysine 143 replaced by alanine than to wild-type gp39. The antibody is further characterized by the inability to bind gp39 in a Western blot. Specific examples of monoclonal antibodies having these characteristics are those secreted...

...designated ATCC HB 11820.

In yet another embodiment of the present invention, the monoclonal antibody, antigen binding fragment or recombinant binding protein thereof is characterized by its binding to mutant form of human gp39 and to wild-type gp39 with a similar binding avidity when the mutant comprises glutamic acid 129, serine 131 and...

... alanine. The antibody is further characterized by having poor binding avidity to a mutant human <code>gp39</code> when compared to the binding avidity to wild-type <code>gp39</code> when the mutant form comprises phenylalanine 201 and glutamic acid 202 replaced by alanine and has a somewhat reduced binding avidity to a mutant <code>gp39</code> when compared to the binding avidity to wild-type <code>gp39</code> when the mutant form comprises...202 replaced by alanine. The antibody is further characterized by its ability to bind to <code>gp39</code> by Western blot. A specific example of a monoclonal antibody having these characteristics is the...

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In another embodiment of the present invention, the monoclonal antibody, antigen binding fragment or recombinant binding protein is characterized by binding to a mutant form of human gp39 and wild-type gp39 with a similar binding avidity when the mutant form of gp39 comprises glutamic acid 129, serine 131 and threonine 135, tyrosine 145, or asparagine 180 replaced...

... The antibody is also characterized by having a somewhat reduced binding avidity to a mutant gp39 when compared to wild-type gp39 when the mutant comprises lysine 143 replaced by alanine and also does not bind to gp39 by Western blot. A specific example of a monoclonal antibody having these characteristics is the...

...designated HB 11823.

In still a further embodiment of the present invention, the monoclonal antibody, antigen binding fragment or recombinant binding protein is characterized by not being highly reactive with a mutant human gp39 when the mutant comprises the glutamic acid at position 129, the serine at position 131...

...the monoclonal antibody is characterized as not being similarly reactive with a mutant of human <code>gp39</code> when the mutant comprises the asparagine at position 180 or the lysine at position 143...alanine. These antibodies can also be characterized by their binding or lack of binding to <code>gp39</code> by Western blot.

Each of the groups of monoclonal antibodies recognize epitopes of gp39 and can be manipulated either chemically or by recombinant methods that generate either antigen binding fragments or recombinant binding proteins. Examples of antigen binding fragments are the Fab, (Fab') sub 2 or Fv created by enzyme digestion of...

... another embodiment of the present invention, the monoclonal antibodies or recombinant binding proteins can be **conjugated** to a detectable marker or a therapeutic agent. Examples of detectable markers include

fluorophores, radioactive...or diabetes mellitus, among others.

Further, the present invention provides methods for imaging cells expressing gp39 on their surface in a patient which comprise administering to a patient a pharmaceutical composition including a monoclonal antibody described above conjugated to a detectable marker under conditions permitting the formation of antibody/antigen complex on the surface of the cells expressing gp39, and detecting the presence of the antibody/antigen complex as indicated by the presence of the detectable markers.

... can be accomplished by immortalizing a cell line producing antibody specific for an epitope on gp39. Typically, a monoclonal antibody of the present invention can be produced using well established hybridoma... Hellstrom et al. 1990, Cancer Research 50:2183.

These techniques involve the injection of an immunogen (e.g., cells or cellular extracts containing the gp39 antigen or purified gp39, either as native protein, a fragment containing an epitopic site, or a fusion protein) into an animal so as to elicit a desired immune response in that animal...

... commonly used include many mammals, e.g., mouse, rat, cow, goat, sheep, rabbit, etc. The **immunogen** is commonly presented to the animal with an adjuvant, e.g., complete Freund's adjuvent...

... peripheral blood lymphocytes, splenic lymphocytes (B-cells), or lymph node lymphocytes can be employed for **fusion** with an appropriate myeloma cell to immortalize the genes encoding monoclonal antibodies specific for **qp39**.

In the present invention, the monoclonal antibodies are partially characterized by their binding to a series of gp39 mutants. The binding avidity (strength of binding) of the antibodies to the mutant gp39 was compared to the binding avidity of the antibody to wild-type gp39. Binding avidity was characterized as poor if the comparison of the binding avidity to a particular mutant was less than 25-30% of the binding avidity to wild-type gp39; a weak or less profound reduction in reactivity was obtained if the binding avidity to...

...mutant was 25 to 30% to 50-55% of the binding avidity to wild-type ${\tt gp39}$; a somewhat reduced reactivity was obtained if the binding avidity to the mutant was 50...which can then be manipulated to provide for other recombinant binding proteins specific for the ${\tt gp39}$ epitope recognized by the parental antibody.

One such recombinant binding protein is a chimeric antibody...of a human antibody. Chimeric antibodies which are largely human in composition are substantially less **immunogenic** than murine antibodies.

Another recombinant epitope binding protein is the single chain antibody. In such...

... region from both the heavy chain and light chain of the parental antibody are covalently linked through a peptide linker such that the epitope binding region is reformed. Multivalent single chain antibodies comprising heavy and light chain variable regions specific for one or more epitopes of gp39 can also be constructed. See EP 0 610,046 and WO 94/13806 for how...The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention find use in vivo to inhibit the CD40/gp39 interaction. Blocking this interaction limits both primary and secondary antibody responses to T-cell dependent antigens and antibody production specific for these antigens. Therefore, the monoclonal antibodies, antigen binding fragments, and recombinant binding proteins can be used to inhibit the activation of B...

 \dots graft-versus-host disease. The compositions can also be used for imaging tumors which express gp39, when labeled with a detectable marker.

When **conjugated** with a therapeutic agent or as a **fusion** protein with a therapeutic agent, the monoclonal antibodies, **antigen** binding fragment or recombinant binding proteins, can also be used o target the therapeutic agent...

... The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention find use in vivo to inhibit the CD40/gp39 interaction. Blocking this interaction limits both primary and secondary antibody responses to T-cell dependent antigens and antibody production specific for these antigens.

This invention is illustrated in the Examples which follow. This Example section is provided to claims which follow.

EXAMPLE 1

Generation and Initial Characterization of Monoclonal Antibodies Specific for ${f gp39-Fusion}$ 1

A. Immunization

A six-to-eight-week-old female BALB/c mouse was initially immunized intraperitoneally with 30 mu g of a **gp39-**CD8 **fusion** protein (Hollenbaugh et al. 1992, EMBO J. 11:4313-4321) in a volume of 100...

... used was incomplete Freund's adjuvant. Three weeks later the mouse received an intravenous pre-fusion booster injection with 23 mu g of gp39 fusion protein in a volume of 100 mu l of phosphate buffered saline (PBS).

B. Fusion...200 mu l/well) resulting in a plating density of 243,000 total cells (pre-fusion) per well. Wells were fed on days 3 and 5 post fusion by replacement of half the supernatant with fresh hybridoma medium and assayed for anti-gp39 specific antibody on day 8.

C. Screening

Supernatants from cell culture wells having growing cells were initially screened for reactivity with the **gp39-**CD8 **fusion** protein **immunogen** as follows. Dynatech Immulon 2 EIA plates were coated with 1 mu g/ml (100...proliferation and immunoglobulin production.

EXAMPLE 2

Generation and Initial Characterization of Monoclonal Antibodies Specific for qp39-Fusion 7

A. Immunization

A six-to-eight-week-old female BALB/c mouse was initially immunized subcutaneously at four sites with a total of 30 mu g of a gp39-CD8 fusion protein in complete Freund's adjuvant. Approximately two and five weeks later, this mouse was similarly injected with 30 mu g and 25 mu g, respectively, of gp39-CD8 except that the vehicle for antigen was incomplete Freund's adjuvant. Five months after initial immunization) this mouse was injected IP with 10 mu g of fusion protein in incomplete Freund's adjuvant. Two weeks later, the mouse received an IV pre-fusion booster injection of 30 mu g of gp39-CD8 fusion protein in PBS.

B. Fusion and Screening

Three days later, harvest, preparation, and **fusion** of the mouse spleen and lymph node cells to mouse myeloma cells was performed as for **fusion** 39-1 except that only 1 ml of PEG was used to fuse cells. The cell suspension resulting from this **fusion** was seeded into 10 96-well cell culture plates at a plating density of 183,000 total cells (pre-**fusion**) per well. Wells were fed on days 3 and 6 post fusion by

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...found that such a molecule is involved in the response of the T cell to antigen.

A preferred molecule on a T cell which mediates contact-dependent helper effector function is...Fab or F(ab)'2 fragments, chimeric antibodies or humanized antibodies), soluble forms of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40), soluble forms of a fusion protein of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40Ig), or pharmaceutical agents which disrupt or interfere with the gp39-CD40 interaction.

A. Antibodies

A mammal, (e.g., a mouse, hamster, or rabbit) can be immunized with an immunogenic form of gp39 protein or protein fragment (e.g., peptide fragment) which elicits an antibody response in the mammal. A cell which expresses gp39 on its surface can also be used as the immunogen. Alternative immunogens include purified gp39 protein or protein fragments. gp39 can be purified from a gp39 -expressing cell by standard purification techniques; gp39 cDNA (Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp. Med... ... be expressed in a host cell, e.g., bacteria or a mammalian cell line, gp39 protein purified from the cell culture by standard and techniques. gp39 peptides can be synthesized based upon the amino acid sequence of gp39 (disclosed in Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp... F-moc or T-boc chemical synthesis). Techniques for conferring immunogenicity on a protein include conjugation to carriers or other techniques well known in the art. For example, the protein can...regions of an immunoglobulin heavy chain, e.g., C gamma 1, to form a CD40Ig fusion protein (see e.g., Linsley et al. (1991) J. Exp. Med. 1783:721-730; Capon...T cell by a cell which both presents antigen and interacts with qp39 results in antigen -specific T cell tolerance when the antigen is presented to the T cell in the presence of a qp39 antagonist. Cells which are capable of inducing T cell tolerance by this mechanism include those which present antigen to a T cell and require an interaction between a gp39 ligand on the cell and gp39 on the T cell to deliver the necessary signals for T cell activation to the T cell. Inhibition of this interaction prevents T cell activation by the presented antigen and, rather, induces antigen -specific tolerance in the T cell. Interference with activation of the T cell via gp39 may prevent the induction of costimulatory molecules on the antigen presenting cell (e.g., B7 family molecules on an antigen presenting cell such as a B cell) so that the antigen presenting cell delivers only an antigenic signal in the absence of a costimulatory signal, thus inducing tolerance.

Accordingly, in the methods of the invention, a cell which presents antigen is administered to a recipient subject. The phrase "cell which presents antigen" and "antigen presenting cell" are used interchangeably herein and ...178:1567-1575) which indicate that tolerance is not induced by the antibody in an antigen specific system. The two systems differ since the aGVHD model presents alloantigen already bound to antigen presenting cells, whereas with antigen specific systems the antigen is administered and in vivo is taken up, processed and presented by professional APC. It thus seems that anti-gp39 may have different effects depending on the antigen being used and the method of presentation.

It can be concluded that anti-gp39 may induce allospecific tolerance in both the CD4+ and CD8+ compartments of the immune system...

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EXAMPLE 6

Production and Characterization of Anti-gp39 Antibodies

Experiment 1--Antibodies directed against human gp39

For induction of antigen -specific T cell tolerance in a human subject, it is preferable to administer an antibody directed against human gp39. The following methodology was used to produce mouse anti-human gp39 monoclonal antibodies. Balb/c mice were immunized with a soluble gp39 fusion protein, gp39-CD8, in Complete Freund's Adjuvant (CFA). Mice were subsequently challenged 6 weeks later with soluble gp39-CD8 in Incomplete Freund's Adjuvant (IFA), Soluble ...soluble gp39-CD8 after an additional 2 weeks. Splenocytes were fused with the NS-1 fusion partner on day 4 after final immunization as per standard protocols.

Clones producing anti-human...

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... that abolish the expression of these proteins. For example, naturally occurring mutations in the FAS **antigen** and its ligand cause lymphoproliferative disease (WatanabeFukunaga, R., et al., Nature, 356:314 (1992), perhaps reflecting a failure of programmed cell death. Mutations of the **CD40 ligand** cause an X-linked immunodeficiency state characterized by high levels of immunoglobulin M and low levels of immunoglobulin G...

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... assess IgA class switching in response to activation with dual combinations of a multivalent cross-linked antigen (dextranconjugated anti-Ig antibody, or alpha delta -dex), CD40L, and/or LPS, plus IL-4+IL-5, in the presence or absence of TGF- beta.

FIG. 2: the percentages of mIgA sup + cells generated in response to LPS or ${\bf CD40L}$, in the presence or absence of TGF- beta, with or without alpha delta -dex, IL...

... cells must first be activated. There are many ways to activate B cells, including cross-linkage of membrane (m) Ig molecules by the antigen mIg (cross-linkage-dependent B cell activation), direct encounter with T cells (helper T cells or helper T cell-associated molecules, such as, for example, CD40 ligand), or encounter with mitogens. In such encounters, the antigen presents epitopes recognized by the B cell's cell-surface Ig.

Because each B cell bears multiple membrane Ig molecules with identical variable regions, high level cross-linkage of the cell-surface receptors yields optimal activation. This cross-linkage requires that the antigen present more than one copy of the epitope that the cell-surface Ig recognizes. Although many simple protein antigens do not have this potential, polysaccharides and other antigens with repeating epitopes, such as surfaces of microbes and DNA, do. Among these more complex...

...microorganisms, such as pneumococci, streptococci, and meningococci.

There `are much data to show that cross-linkage of membrane Ig can also lead to elimination or inactivation of B cells. In general, it is believed that certain types of receptor cross-linkage events, if ... al., J. Immunol. 146:833 (1991), herein incorporated by reference. Anti-IgD antibodies may be conjugated to dextran at a ratio ...known non-Ig-receptor activators, two are particularly suitable for the claimed invention, i.e., CD40 ligand and bacterial lipopolysaccharide (LPS). Of course, when the host is human, LPS is not a...

- ... familiar with the sources for both these receptor activators as well as the appropriate amounts. CD40 ligand is preferably present at about 10 mu g/ml and LPS at 20 mu g...
- ... The amount of this B cell receptor activator influences the preferable amount of the multivalent **antigen** receptor crosslinker. For example, the multivalent **antigen** receptor crosslinker is present at about 3 ng/ml for LPS costimulation in vitro and at about 0.3 ng/ml for CD40 ligand costimulation in vitro.

Such persons would also be familiar with methods to cross link these receptors. For example, a receptor could be inserted into membranes, such as insect cell membranes, to form a extensively cross-linked construct. A preferred construct is a CD40 ligand/insect cell membrane. Membrane bound CD40 ligand is prepared from sf9 insect cells infected with a recombinant CD40 ligand-containing recombinant baculovirus... J. Immunol. 129;2698), the primary site for IgA class switching in vivo.

- 1. Multivalent antigen receptor cross-linking of CD40L- or LPS-activated B cells, plus IL-4, IL -5, and TGF- beta induces a... assess IgA class switching in response to activation with dual combinations of the multivalent cross-linked antigen receptor, as mediated by dextran-conjugated anti-Ig antibody in the experimental model (alpha delta -dex), CD40L, and/or LPS, plus IL-4+IL-5, in the presence or absence of TGF...
- ...beta, IL-4+IL-5, and activation with alpha delta -dex and either LPS or ${\bf CD40L}$, 10% and 12% mIgA sup + cells, respectively were generated. This is greater than a 100...
- ...the absence of TGF- beta.

In contrast to costimulation in the presence of a multivalent antigen receptor crosslinker (alpha delta -dex), dual activation with CD40L +LPS resulted in comparatively low levels of mIgA sup + cells.

TGF- beta was selective for induction of mIgA sup + cells following

costimulation with LPS, a multivalent ${\tt antigen}$ receptor crosslinker ($\dots {\tt presence}$ of IL-4.

2. Optimal induction of IgA class switching by either LPS- or CD40L -activated cells requires the independent actions of a multivalent antigen receptor cross-linker, IL-4, IL-5, and TGF- beta

To determine the relative requirements of the various...

- ... switching, the percentages of mIgA sup + cells generated in response to stimulation by LPS or CD40L, in the presence or absence of TGF- beta, with or without a multivalent antigen receptor crosslinker (alpha delta -dex), IL-4, and/or IL-5 were measured (FIG. 2...
- ... these percentages did not exceed 2%. Only in the combined presence of a multivalent cross-linked antigen receptor (alpha delta -dex), IL-4, IL-5, and TGF- beta were relatively large percentages of mIgA sup + cells generated upon activation with either LPS or ${\bf CD40L}$ (11.0% and 12.3%, respectively).
 - 3. TGF- ...with selective stimulation of IgA secretion

Costimulation of B cells with either LPS+ a multivalent antigen receptor crosslinker (alpha delta -dex), or CD40L+ alpha delta -dex, in the presence of IL-4, IL-5, and TGF- beta, stimulated...the percentage of mIgA sup + cells generated in response to activation with either LPS or CD40L in the presence of a multivalent crosslinked antigen receptor (alpha delta -dex), IL-4, IL-5, and TGF- beta. Optimal inhibition of IgA...

...ml of IFN- gamma representing an difference 4-fold and difference 6-fold suppression for $\mathtt{CD40L}$ - and LPS-activated cells, respectively. A significant reduction in mIgA sup + cells was observed with as little as 1-3 U/ml of IFN- gamma.

7. The activity of CD40 ligand

Published data suggests that the activity of CD40 ligand may depend on the absolute amount of this protein expressed on the cell surface. In... all B cells. Thus, the in vitro model employing anti-Ig-dextran acts to cross-link all antigen receptors. However, this response is not desired in vivo. In a patient, the...The multivalent cross-linked antigen receptor can also serve as the carrier molecule for CD40 ligand and TGF- beta, IL-4, and either IL-5 or IL-2. Other vaccine variations will be apparent to one of skill in the art.

This application encompasses the...

...prolonged delivery of the cytokine. The complexes can be administered as a mixture with the **antigen** of a **vaccine**, or the complexes can be bound to the **antigen** of a **vaccine**.

In still another embodiment, the **vaccine** adjuvant can comprise **CD40 ligand**, one or more cytokines other than GM-CSF, IL-3, or IFN- gamma, or a combination thereof. **CD40L** and the one or more cytokines can also be bound to the multivalent carrier.

3. Compositions used in a conjugate vaccine

To form a conjugate **vaccine**, the **antigen** of the **vaccine** and the compositions of the invention can be covalently conjugated to a multivalent carrier molecule...

... a capsular polysaccharide of a bacteria. Pneumococci, streptococci, and meningococci capsular polysaccharides are preferred.

The **antigen** is a peptide or protein specific for the disease to be vaccinated against.

To further...

... invention. As noted in the Table, several of the vaccines are conjugate

vaccines. Methods of conjugation are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art, and include the heteroligation...CRC Press, Boston (1991); and Brenkeley et al., "Brief Survey of Methods for Preparing Protein Conjugates With Dyes, Haptens and Cross-Linking Agents," Bioconjugate Chemistry, 3, No. 1 (January 1992), specifically incorporated by reference.

The unexpected effect...

...only and are not intended to be limiting.

EXAMPLE 1

This example shows that multivalent **antigen** receptor cross-linking of CD40L - or LPS-activated B cells, plus IL-4, IL-5, and TGF- beta induces a...the percentage of mIgA sup + cells generated in response to activation with either LPS or CD40 ligand in the presence of alpha delta -dex, IL-4, IL-5 and TGF- beta. Optimal...

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EXAMPLE 6

This example provides exemplary vaccines and vaccine adjuvants employing the compositions of the invention.

Table II shows exemplary vaccines employing the compositions of the invention. As noted in the Table, several of the vaccines are conjugate vaccines. Methods of conjugation are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art, and include the heteroligationS. S., Chemistry of Protein Conjugates and Crosslinking, CRC Press, Boston (1991); and Brenkeley et al., "Brief Survey of Methods for...adjuvants, etc.

- 2. cytokine + antigen + multivalent carrier; the cytokine, antigen, or both can be directly conjugated to the carrier, i.e.:
 - [See structure in original document]
 [See structure in original document]
- 3. cytokine-antigen; direct conjugation via covalent bonding
- 4. cytokine-antigen (covalent bonding) bound to a multivalent carrier, i.e.:
 - [See structure in original document]
- 5. cytokine-antigen (fusion protein)
- 6. cytokine-antigen (**fusion** protein) bound to a multivalent carrier
- 7. peptide-cytokine (fusion protein) + antigen
- 8. peptide-cytokine (fusion protein) + antigen, with the fusion
- protein, antigen, or both bound to a multivalent carrier
 graph cytokine-multivalent carrier, i.e.:
 [See structure in original document]
- 10. antibody complex (i.e., cytokine + cytokine) + antigen
- 11. antibody complex (i.e., cytokine + cytokine) + antigen + multivalent carrier (the cytokine, antigen, or both can be conjugated to the carrier)
- 12. anti-cytokine antibody; this is a neutralizing vaccine
- 13. anti-cytokine antibody + multivalent carrier; this is a neutralizing vaccine
- 14. Vaccine examples 1 through 13 can be further modified by the addition of CD40L, either admixed or bound to the multivalent carrier
- 15. Vaccine examples 1 through 14 can be further modified by the

addition of one or more...In sum, the experimental results described above show that B cells activated with a multivalent **antigen** receptor cross-linker, as for example dextran-conjugated anti-Ig antibody in the experimental model, and either CD40 ligand or LPS, in the presence of the cytokines TGF- beta, IL-4, and either IL... We claim:

1. A vaccine comprising: the antigen of the vaccine in multivalent form; at least one cytokine which stimulates IgA class switching; and a B cell activator selected from the group consisting of CD40

wherein said vaccine stimulates IgA antibody class switching.

- 2. The vaccine of claim 1, wherein the at least one cytokine is selected from the group consisting of TGF- beta, IL-2, IL-4, and IL-5.
- 3. The ${\bf vaccine}$ of claim 2 wherein the at least one cytokine is TGF-beta.
 - 4. The vaccine of claim 3 further comprising IL-4 and IL-5.
 - 5. The vaccine of claim 3 further comprising IL-4 and IL-2.
- 6. The vaccine of claim 1 wherein the antigen in multivalent form comprises multiple copies of at least one epitope covalently conjugated to a multivalent carrier selected from the group consisting of dextran and bacterial capsular polysaccharide...

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EXAMPLE 6

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- \dots the methods of the invention include multiple sclerosis, EAE, diabetes type I, oophoritis, and thyroiditis.

gp39 ANTAGONISTS

According to the methods of the invention, a gp39 antagonist is administered to a...

...a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40), soluble forms of a fusion protein of a $\tt gp39$ ligand (e.g., soluble CD40Ig), or pharmaceutical agents which disrupt or interfere with the $\tt gp39\text{-}CD40$ interaction.

A. Antibodies

- To prepare anti-gp39 antibodies, a mammal (e.g., a mouse, hamster, or rabbit) can be immunized with an immunogenic form of gp39 protein or protein fragment (e.g., peptide fragment) which elicits an antibody response in the mammal. A cell which expresses gp39 on its surface can also be used as the immunogen. Alternative immunogens include purified gp39 protein or protein fragments. gp39 can be purified from a gp39-expressing cell by standard purification techniques, e.g., gp39 cDNA (Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp. Med...
- ... be expressed in a host cell, e.g., bacteria or a mammalian cell line, and gp39 protein purified from the cell culture by standard techniques. gp39 peptides can be synthesized based upon the amino acid sequence of gp39 (disclosed in Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp...
- ... F-moc or T-boc chemical synthesis). Techniques for conferring immunogenicity on a protein include **conjugation** to carriers or other techniques well known in the art. For example, the protein can...
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- ...uses it would be desirable to be able to delete the Fc part after the **fusion** protein has been expressed, detected and purified in the advantageous manner described. This is the...
- ... proves to be a hindrance to use in therapy and diagnosis, for example when the **fusion** protein is to be used as **antigen** for immunizations. In drug discovery, for example, human proteins, such as, shIL5- alpha has been...
- ...270:16, pp 9459-9471 (1995).
- Thus, this invention also relates to genetically engineered soluble **fusion** proteins comprised from HC **gp39-**L, or a portion thereof, and of various portions of the constant regions of heavy...
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- ... soluble receptor proteins to TNF-alpha, monoclonal antibodies to IL2 receptor, monoclonal antibodies and receptor **fusion** proteins which antagonize the CD40/**gp39** interaction and CTLA 4-Ig in monoclonal antibodies which antagonize the B7/CD28 interaction. Also...

... Leflunomide, Tenidap, RS-61443 (Mycophenolate Mofetil), Surenyl (sodium Hyaluronate), anti-TCR (V beta 17) peptide vaccine, Anerva X (anti-MHC vaccine), and extracorporeal protein A immunoabsorbants or combinations thereof. Additionally, the subject antibody may be administered...

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 \dots found that such a molecule is involved in the response of the T cell to antigen.

A preferred molecule on a T cell which mediates contact-dependent helper effector function is...Fab or F(ab)'2 fragments, chimeric antibodies or humanized antibodies), soluble forms of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40), soluble forms of a fusion protein of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40Ig), or pharmaceutical agents which disrupt or interfere with the gp39-CD40 interaction.

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Accordingly, in the methods of the invention, a cell which presents antigen is administered to a recipient subject. The phrase "cell which presents antigen" and "antigen presenting cell" are used interchangeably herein and are intended ...178:1567-1575) which indicate that tolerance is not induced by the antibody in an antigen specific system. The two systems differ since the aGVHD model presents alloantigen already bound to antigen presenting cells, whereas with antigen specific systems the antigen is administered and in vivo is taken up, processed and presented by professional APC. It thus seems that antigen may have different effects depending on the antigen being

used and the method of presentation.

It can be concluded that anti-gp39 may induce allospecific tolerance in both the CD4+ and CD8+ compartments of the immune system...

... immunotherapy. It is conceivable that for treatment of patients undergoing bone marrow transplants that anti-gp39 therapy will be sufficient for induction of tolerance to the graft and prevent the induction of such consequences of transplant treatments as GVHD.

EXAMPLE 6

Production and Characterization of Anti-gp39 Antibodies

Experiment 1--Antibodies directed against human gp39

For induction of antigen -specific T cell tolerance in a human subject, it is preferable to administer an antibody directed against human gp39. The following methodology was used to produce mouse anti-human gp39 monoclonal antibodies. Balb/c mice were immunized with a soluble gp39 fusion protein, gp39-CD8, in Complete Freund's Adjuvant (CFA). Mice were subsequently challenged 6 weeks later with soluble gp39-CD8 in Incomplete Freund's Adjuvant (IFA). Soluble gp39-CD8 was given in soluble form... soluble gp39-CD8 after an additional 2 weeks. Splenocytes were fused with the NS-1 fusion partner on day 4 after final immunization as per standard protocols.

Clones producing anti-human...

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... that T cell. Anergy refers to the diminished reactivity by a T cell to an **antigen**. Effector molecules involved in T cell activation include, but are not limited to, B7, B7-2, CD28, CD40 and the **CD40** ligand. APCs having B7 or B7-2, and CD40 are capable of activating T cells by binding to CD28 and **CD40 ligand**, respectively, on the surface of a T cell. Such APCs are referred to as professional...

...activated). Such APCs are referred to as non-professional APCs.

Preferred professional APC-specific immunoglobulin **fusion** proteins of the present invention are capable of binding to an **antigen** on the surface of dendritic cells, macrophages and B cells that express B7, B7-2 and CD40. Preferred non-professional APC-specific immunoglobulin **fusion** protein of the present invention are capable of binding to an antigen on the surface...

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... gp39 antagonist can be an antibody directed against gp39 (e.g., a monoclonal antibody against gp39), a fragment or derivative of an antibody directed against gp39 (e.g., Fab or F(ab)'2 fragments, chimeric antibodies or humanized antibodies), soluble forms of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40), soluble forms of a fusion protein of a gp39 ligand (e.g., soluble CD40Ig), or pharmaceutical agents which disrupt or interfere with the gp39-CD40 interaction.

A. Antibodies

A mammal, (e.g., a mouse, hamster, or rabbit) can be immunized with an immunogenic form of gp39 protein or protein fragment (e.g., peptide fragment) which elicits an antibody response in the mammal. A cell

which expresses gp39 on its surface can also be used as the immunogen. Alternative immunogens include purified gp39 protein or protein fragments. gp39 can be purified from a gp39—expressing cell by standard purification techniques. Additionally, gp39 cDNA (Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp. Med... be expressed in a host cell, e.g., bacteria or a mammalian cell line, and gp39 protein purified from cell cultures by standard techniques. Alternatively, gp39 peptides can be synthesized based upon the amino acid sequence of gp39 (disclosed in Armitage et al., Nature, 357:80-82 (1992); Lederman et al., J. Exp...

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...1989) Nature 337, 525-531; and Capon U.S. Pat. No. 5,116,964). The **fusion** protein can be produced by chemical synthesis, or, preferably by recombinant DNA techniques based on...

...CD40 (Stamenkovic et al., EMBO J., 8:1403-1410 (1989)).

II. Cells for Induction of Antigen-Specific Tolerance

The current invention is based, at least in part, on the discovery that presentation of alloantigens to T cells by allogeneic cells in the presence of a gp39 antagonist results ... alloantigens. Cells which are capable of inducing tolerance by this mechanism include those which present antigen and activate T cells by interaction with gp39 (i.e. an interaction between gp39 on T cells and a gp39 ligand on the cell presenting antigen is necessary to deliver the appropriate signals for T cell activation to the T cell). Inhibition of the interaction of the ligand on the allogeneic or xenogeneic cell with gp39 on recipient T cells prevents T cell activation by allo- or xenoantigens and, rather, induces T cell tolerance to the antigens. Interference with activation of the T cell via gp39 may prevent the induction of costimulatory molecules on the allogeneic or xenogeneic cell, (e.g. B7 family molecules on a B cell), so that the cell delivers only an antigenic signal to the T cell in the absence of a costimulatory signal, thus inducing tolerance...

... is administered to a recipient subject. The allogeneic or xenogeneic cell is capable of presenting **antigen** to T cells of the recipient, and is, for example, a B lymphocyte, a "professional...In contrast, histological sections of islet allografts in the kidneys of recipients treated with anti-gp39 mAb alone showed characteristic intense mononuclear cell inflammation and attendant islet cell destruction. In all

...islet morphology was uniformly consistent with streptozotocin diabetes.

EXAMPLE 2

Production and Characterization of Anti-gp39 Antibodies

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- gp39 -CD8 was given in soluble form 4 weeks after secondary immunization. Mice were then boosted...
- ... soluble gp39-CD8 after an additional 2 weeks. Splenocytes were fused with the NS-1 **fusion** partner on day 4 after final immunization as per standard protocols.

Clones producing anti-human...

- ...to the recipient
- a) an allogeneic or xenogeneic cell which expresses at least one donor antigen and which has a ligand on a cell surface which interacts with a gp39 molecule (CD40 ligand); and
- b) an antagonist of the gp39 molecule which inhibits interaction of the ligand with the gp39 molecule, such that non-responsiveness of the T cell to the donor tissue or organ is induced, wherein said gp39 antagonist is selected from the group consisting of anti-gp39 antibodies, fragments thereof that specifically bind gp39, soluble CD40 and soluble CD40 fusion proteins.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the antagonist is an anti-gp39 antibody ... of such treatment:
- a) an allogeneic or xenogeneic cell which expresses at least one donor antigen;
- b) a gp39 antagonist selected from the group consisting of anti-gp39 (CD40 ligand) antibodies, fragments thereof that specifically bind gp39, soluble CD40 and soluble CD40 fusion proteins; and
- c) donor pancreatic islet cells.
- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the anti-gp39 antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
- 16. The method of claim 14, wherein the anti-gp39 antibody is an anti-human gp39 antibody.
- 17. The method of claim 15, wherein the monoclonal antibody is MR1 (ATCC Accession...
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- ...a 19 amino acid secretory signal peptide comprising predominantly hydrophobic amino acids. This cell surface **antigen** has been shown to play an important role in B-cell proliferation and differentiation. A...
- ... surface of monocytic and epithelial cells, and on some epithelial carcinomas (E. A. Clark, Tissue **Antigens** 36:33; 1990).
- Activated CD4+ T cells express high levels of a ligand for CD40 (CD40L). Human CD40L, a membrane-bound glycoprotein, has recently been cloned from peripheral blood T-cells as described...
- ... 23, 1992, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein. The cloning of murine CD40L is described in Armitage et al., Nature 357:80, 1992. CD40L induces B-cell proliferation in the absence of any co-stimulus, and can also induce...
- ...CD40 are known in the art (see, for example, the sections dedicated to B cell antigens in LEUKOCYTE TYPING III; ...to exert costimulatory signals on normal B cells, resulting in proliferative and differentiation responses. Similarly, CD40L exerts protein stimulatory or costimulatory signals to normal B cells.
- It has been observed that cross-linking of surface IgM on some B cell lymphoma lines exerts inhibitory signals to the lymphoma...

... proteins) that specifically bind CD40 (referred to as a CD40 binding protein) in a non-covalent interaction based upon the proper conformation of the CD40 binding protein and CD40 itself. For example, a CD40 binding protein can comprise an extracellular region of a CD40 ligand. In other cases, a CD40 binding protein can comprise an antibody that binds CD40 through an antigen binding region. Additional CD40 binding proteins can be prepared through recombinant methods, by preparation of fusion proteins comprising a CD40 binding region (or domain) from a CD40 ligand, or an antibody to CD40, with a second protein, for example, a human immunoglobulin Fc domain.

CD40

Human CD40 antigen (CD40) is a peptide of 277 amino acids having a molecular weight of 30,600...binding site (or CD40binding domain; variable region) of a CD40 mAb is isolated, amplified, and linked to DNA encoding another protein, for example a human IgG (see Verhoeyen et al., supra...

... also Reichmann et al., supra). Alternatively, the antigen-binding site (variable region) may be either linked to, or inserted into, another completely different protein (see Chaudhary et al., supra), resulting in a new protein with antigen-binding sites of the antibody as well as the functional activity of the completely different...

...the context of the present invention. Similarly, the CD40 binding region (extracellular domain) of a CD40 ligand may be used to prepare other CD40 binding proteins. DNA sequences that encode proteins or...

... that form oligomers will be particularly useful in preparation of CD40 binding proteins comprising an **antigen** binding domain of CD40 antibody, or an extracellular domain of a **CD40 ligand**. Certain of such oligomer-forming proteins are disclosed in U.S.S.N.

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...CDw78.

Non-CD molecules include, but are not limited to, B7, B7(2), CTLA4, BR96, GP39, LFA-3, ICAM-2, and interleukin (IL) 1-8.

For example, CD28 antigen is a homodimeric glycoprotein of the immunoglobulin superfamily (Aruffo, A., Seed, B. (1987) Molecular cloning

... Damle et al. (1983) J. Immunol. 131:2296-2300). Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) reactive with CD28 antigen can augment T cell ...267-270).

The expression vectors of the invention encompass vectors capable of encoding multi-specific **fusion** proteins, i.e., a molecule capable of reacting with many targets. For example, the expression...

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...FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a ligand for the cell-surface antigen CD40, CD40 ligand (CD40L). More specifically, the present invention relates to methods of detecting mutations in a CD40L gene, and to methods of treating a syndrome that results in elevated levels of serum...

...and diminished levels of all other isotypes of immunoglobulins.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Human X-linked hyper-IgM syndrome is characterized by an elevated level of serum IgM and diminished (virtually... ... surfaces.

T cell-depleted peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC; B-cell enriched populations) from X-linked hyper IgM patients showed a proliferative response to CD40L comparable to that seen with similarly...

... any of the hyper-IgM patients cultured under the same conditions. The addition of recombinant CD40L or a CD40 mAb to cultures containing hyper-IgM patients' PBMC restored the the ability...

...of four patients to secrete IgE.

The results of these studies illustrate the critical role **CD40L** appears to play in the cognate interaction between CD4+ T helper cells and B cells...

...interaction is one of the principal requirements of a successful humoral immune response to most **antigens**. Further study of hyper-IgM syndrome and related syndromes will provide valuable information on the structural/functional relationship of CD40 and CD40L, and on interactions of the different cells involved in the humoral immune response. Methods of detecting abnormalities in CD40L will provide clarification of the various putative forms (autosomal recessive, autosomal dominant) of hyper-IgM...

 \dots as well as other abnormalities in B cell-T cell interactions in which CD40 and CD40L play a role.

Mutations in **CD40L** can be detected by isolating nucleic acid (DNA or RNA) from an individual, selectively amplifying...

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...INTRODUCTION

The present invention relates to soluble ligands for CD40 and, in particular, to human gp39 protein and soluble ligands derived therefrom which may be used in methods of promoting B-cell proliferation.

2. BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

2.1. THE B-CELL ANTIGEN, CD40

CD40 is an approximately 50 kDa glycoprotein expressed on the surface of B cells...

... Ser. No. 708,075, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety herein, the soluble gp39 proteins of the invention have a number of uses, including in vitro and in vivo...

...vitro embodiment, soluble gp39 may be used to identify or separate cells which express CD40 antigen and/or to assay body fluids for the presence of the CD40 antigen which may or may not be shed. For example, the binding of soluble gp39 to CD40 antigen may be detected by directly or indirectly labeling the soluble gp39, for example, by incorporating radiolabel or chromogen into the soluble gp39 protein (direct labeling) or via anti-gp39 antibody (indirect labeling). In this manner, soluble gp39 may be used diagnostically in vitro to identify CD40 antigen as expressed in tumors, malignant cells, body fluids, etc.

In related embodiments, directly or indirectly labeled soluble gp39 may be used in vivo to image cells or tumors which express the CD40 antigen.

In various other in vivo embodiments, soluble gp39 may be used to increase an immune response, for example, by acting, effectively, as a type of "adjuvant" to increase an immune response to a vaccine. Alternatively, soluble gp39 may be used to increase the immune response of an immunosuppressed individual, such as a...

...malignancy, or an infant or elderly person.

In still further embodiments of the invention, soluble gp39 may be chemically modified so that cells that it binds to are killed. Since all...

... result in suppression of the immune response. For example, a cytotoxic drug linked to soluble **gp39** may be used in vivo to cause immunosuppression in order to cross histocompatibility barriers in...

s (cd40) (30n) (antibod?)

292 CD40

40809 ANTIBOD?

S2 111 (CD40) (30N) (ANTIBOD?)

? s s2(30n)(vaccin? or adjuvant?)

111 S2

12611 VACCIN?

39947 ADJUVANT?

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Utility

DNA ENCODING CD40 LIGAND, A CYTOKINE THAT BINDS CD40

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Utility

RECOMBINANT SOLUBLE CD40 LIGAND POLYPEPTIDE AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING THE SAME

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Utility

MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO CD40 LIGAND, PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING THE SAME AND HYBRIDOMAS PRODUCING THE SAME

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Utility

VACCINE FOR ENHANCED PRODUCTION OF IGA ANTIBODIES

[A drug comprising at least one cytokine stimulants and a B cell activator selected from a cell surface protein and bacterial lipopolysaccharide]

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Utility

USE OF INTERLEUKIN-10 ANALOGS FOR ANTAGONISTS TO TREAT ENDOTOXIN- OR SUPERANTIGEN-INDUCED TOXICITY

[Septic or toxic shock treatment]

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METHOD OF REFOLDING HUMAN IL-13

[Proteins and antibodies]

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... CD40 agonists (i.e., membrane-bound CD40-L and oligomeric CD40-L) are useful as vaccine adjuvants and for stimulating mAb production from hybridoma cells. CD40 antagonists (i.e., CD40 receptor, CD40/Fc and possibly soluble, monomeric CD40-L) are useful for treating autoimmune diseases characterized by presence of high levels of antigen-antibody complexes, such as allergy, systemic lupus erythematosis, rheumatoid arthritis, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus (IDDM), graft...at least 3 days.

EXAMPLE 7

This example illustrates the preparation of monoclonal antibodies to CD40-L. Preparations of purified murine CD40-L or human CD40-L are prepared by COS cell expression and CD40/Fc affinity purification as described herein. Purified CD40-L or transfected cells expressing membrane-bound CD40-L can generate monoclonal antibodies against CD40 -L using conventional techniques, for example, those techniques described in U.S. Pat. No. 4...

... as incomplete Freund's adjuvant or Ribi adjuvant R700 (Ribi, Hamilton, Mont.) or another suitable adjuvant, and injected in

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... as incomplete Freund's adjuvant or Ribi adjuvant R700 (Ribi, Hamilton, Mont.) or another suitable adjuvant, and injected in amounts ranging from 10-100 mu g subcutaneously or intraperitoneally. Rats (iThese data indicate that the interaction of CD40 with its ligand is the principal molecular interaction responsible for T cell contact dependent induction of B cell growth and differentiation to both antigen-specific antibody production and polyclonal Ig secretion. As such, these data suggest that antagonists of this interaction, by soluble CD40, CD40/Fc fusion protein and possibly soluble CD40-L (monomeric), will significantly interfere with development of antibody responses. Therefore clinical situations where CD40, CD40 /Fc fusion proteins and soluble CD40 -L are suitable include allergy, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, and any other diseases where autoimmune antibody or antigen/antibody complexes are responsible for clinical pathology of the disease. Moreover, membrane-bound CD40-L or oligomeric soluble CD40-L will be useful to stimulate B cell proliferation and antibody production. As such, these forms of CD40-L are most useful for vaccine adjuvants and as a stimulating agent for mAb secretion from hybridoma cells.

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The DNA construct pDC406/CD40/Fc was transfected into ... autoradiography as described previously. One of the smaller pools contained clones that were positive for CD40-L as indicated by the presence of an expressed gene product capable of binding to the CD40/Fc fusion protein.

The positive smaller pool was titered and plated to obtain individual colonies...grown for at least 3 days.

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EXAMPLE 13

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We claim:

1. A vaccine comprising:

the antigen of the **vaccine** in multivalent form; at least one cytokine which stimulates IgA class switching; and a B cell activator selected from the group consisting of **CD40** ligand and LPS,

wherein said vaccine stimulates IqA antibody class switching.

2. The vaccine of claim 1, wherein the at least one cytokine is selected from the group consisting...

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... B cells to differentiate into IgA-secreting cells following their activation with cross-linked anti-CD40 antibodies and TGF beta. The inability of anti-IL-10 treated mice to generate specific antibody responses to two bacterial antigens further supports the proposition that IL-10 will be an effective adjuvant in anti-bacterial immunity.

In addition to providing information about the physiological role and clinical...

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In addition to providing information about the physiological role and clinical...

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 \dots fragments which may be readily prepared by one of ordinary skill in the art.

Polyclonal antibodies may be readily generated by one of ordinary skill in the art from a variety of warm-blooded animals such as horses, cows, various fowl, rabbits, mice, or rats. Briefly, CD40 is utilized to immunize the animal through intraperitoneal, intramuscular, intraocular, or subcutaneous injections. The immunogenicity of CD40 may be increased through the use of an adjuvant such as Freund's complete or incomplete adjuvant. Following several booster immunizations, small samples of...

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... example, the subject antibody may be administered in combination with other proteins, for example monoclonal **antibody** soluble receptor proteins to TNF-alpha, monoclonal **antibodies** to IL2 receptor, monoclonal **antibodies** and receptor fusion proteins which antagonize the CD40/gp39 interaction and CTLA 4-Ig in monoclonal **antibodies** which antagonize the B7/CD28 interaction. Also, in the case of treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, the subject **antibody** may be administered in combination with other therapeutics, for example Rapamycin, Leflunomide, Tenidap, RS-61443 (Mycophenolate Mofetil), Surenyl (sodium Hyaluronate), anti-TCR (V beta 17) peptide **vaccine**, Anerva X (anti-MHC vaccine), and extracorporeal protein A immunoabsorbants or combinations thereof. Additionally, the...

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...of 10, 10, 10, and 50 mu g of soluble CD40 in incomplete Freund's adjuvant at 3, 4.5, 6, and 8.5 weeks, respectively. A final boost in saline was injected at 12 weeks. Test bleeds were evaluated for anti-CD40 antibody content by ELISA.

Small dense B cells from unstimulated mouse spleens were prepared as described...